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LOCAL CONNECTIONS HEAD TO BALTIMORE FOR PREAKNESS WEEKEND

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, May 20, 2022) – There are a number of local jockeys and horses that will be competing in Saturday's Preakness Stakes Day at Pimlico, along with its supporting races Friday. Here is a list of the jockeys and trainers with local horses scheduled to run in Baltimore, Md. over the next two days:

FRIDAY

Jockeys:

- **Jon Court:** Verylittlecents (Race 10, \$150,000 Miss Preakness)
- **Tyler Gaffalione:** Saint Eros Girl (Race 2); Healing (Race 7); Hail To (Race 9, \$100,000 Hilltop); Gimmick (Race 10, \$150,000 Miss Preakness); Shooger Ray Too (Race 12, \$300,000 Pimlico Special); Favor (Race 13, \$250,000 Black Eyed Susan)
- **Florent Geroux:** Super Quick (Race 8, \$150,000 Allaire DuPont Distaff); Determined Gold (Race 9, \$100,000 Hilltop); Interstatedaydream (Race 13, \$250,000 Black Eyed Susan)
- **Julien Leparoux:** Kentucky Pharoah (also-eligible Race 7); Miss Yearwood (Race 13, \$250,000 Black Eyed Susan); Peligroso (Race 14)

Trainers:

- **Norm Casse:** Super Quick (Race 8, \$150,000 Allaire DuPont Distaff)
- **Brad Cox:** Interstatedaydream (Race 13, \$250,000 Black Eyed Susan)
- **Fausto Gutierrez:** Capocostello (Race 12, \$300,000 Pimlico Special)
- **Mike Maker:** Healing (Race 7); Lady Scarlet (Race 10, \$150,000 Miss Preakness); Phantom Vision (Race 11, \$100,000 The Very One)
- **Randy Morse:** Verylittlecents (Race 10, \$150,000 Miss Preakness)
- **John Ortiz:** Lil Kings Princess (Race 8, \$150,000 Allaire DuPont Distaff)
- **Danny Peitz:** Beguine (Race 13, \$250,000 Black Eyed Susan)
- **Ian Wilkes:** Miss Yearwood (Race 13, \$250,000 Black Eyed Susan)

SATURDAY

Jockeys:

- **Jon Court:** Shacks Way (Race 1); Full Authority (Race 4, \$150,000 Maryland Sprint)
- **Tyler Gaffalione:** Crystal Cliffs (FR) (Race 5, \$150,000 Gallorette); Golden Voice (Race 6); Cilla (Race 7, \$100,000 Skipat); Tango Tango Tango (Race 8, \$250,000 Dinner Party); Chasing Time (Race 9, \$200,000 Chick Lang); B Dawk (Race 11, \$100,000 Sir Barton); Happy Jack (Race 13, \$1.5 million Preakness)
- **Florent Geroux:** Karakatsie (Race 5, \$150,000 Gallorette); Kate's Kingdom (Race 6); Set Piece (GB) (Race 8, \$250,000 Dinner Party); Ready to Purrform (Race 10, \$100,000 James W. Murphy); Ruggs (Race 11, \$100,000 Sir Barton); Seven Scents (Race 12, \$100,000 Jim McKay Turf Sprint); Fenwick (Race 13, \$1.5 million Preakness)
- **Rey Gutierrez:** Hollis (Race 12, \$100,000 Jim McKay Turf Sprint)
- **Brian Hernandez Jr.:** Creative Minister (Race 13, \$1.5 million Preakness)

Trainers:

- **Steve Asmussen:** Joy's Rocket (Race 7, \$100,000 Skipat); Cogburn (Race 9, \$200,000 Chick Lang); Bank (Race 12, \$100,000 Jim McKay Turf Sprint); Epicenter (Race 13, \$1.5 million Preakness)
- **Brad Cox:** Set Piece (GB) (Race 8, \$250,000 Dinner Party); Ready to Purrrform (Race 10, \$100,000 James W. Murphy); Seven Scents (Race 12, \$100,000 Jim McKay Turf Sprint)
- **D. Wayne Lukas:** Ethereal Road (Race 11, \$100,000 Sir Barton); Secret Oath (Race 13, \$1.5 million Preakness)
- **Brian Lynch:** Carotari (Race 12, \$100,000 Jim McKay Turf Sprint)
- **Mike Maker:** Atone (Race 8, \$250,000 Dinner Party); Mr. Hustle (Race 12, \$100,000 Jim McKay Turf Sprint)
- **Kenny McPeck:** Creative Minister (Race 13, \$1.5 million Preakness)
- **John Ortiz:** Whelen Springs (Race 9, \$200,000 Chick Lang); Hollis (Race 12, \$100,000 Jim McKay Turf Sprint)

FREE PREAKNESS DAY BETTING GUIDE COURTESY OF TWINSPIRES.COM – TwinSpire.com has provided horseplayers with a free Preakness Day betting guide that features in-depth analysis of the second jewel of racing's Triple Crown.

The 11-page document has a tip sheet, post-position stats and much more. Fans can download the Betting Guide at the following link: <https://edge.twinspires.com/racing/betting-info/prekness-stakes-betting-guide-147/>.

TwinSpire.com is the official wagering provider of Churchill Downs Inc. and the Kentucky Derby.

TWO-TIME STAKES WINNER SHAMROCKET 4-1 MORNING LINE FAVORITE IN SATURDAY'S LOUISVILLE – Donegal Racing's multiple stakes winner **Shamrocket** was made the slight 4-1 morning line favorite in an oversubscribed field of 15 turf marathon runners for Saturday's 85th running of the \$200,000 Louisville Stakes (Grade III) at Churchill Downs.

Saturday's Louisville Stakes will go as the finale on the 11-race program with a post time of 5:58 p.m. First post is 12:45 p.m. Fans are invited to stay after the Louisville to watch the Preakness Stakes (GI) on the Big Board. Post time for the Preakness is 7:01 p.m.

Trained by **Todd Pletcher**, the Florida-bred Shamrocket began his 5-year-old campaign with a half-length victory in the \$75,000 Sunshine Classic Stakes at Gulfstream. Previously, the son of Tonalist scored a half-length win in the \$100,000 Point of Entry Stakes at 1 ½ miles over the Belmont turf course. **Umberto Rispoli** will ride Shamrocket from post No. 10.

Here's the complete field for the Louisville from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Bama Breeze** (Corey Lanerie, Rusty Arnold, 12-1); **Cavalry Charge** (David Cohen, Dallas Stewart, 12-1); **Blanket of Roses** (Edgar Morales, Rey Hernandez, 50-1); **Cibolian** (Chris Landeros, Rodolphe Brisset, 12-1); **Ajourneytofreedom** (Javier Castellano, Mike Maker, 5-1); **Strong Tide** (Marcelino Pedroza, Mike Lauer, 10-1); **Modus Operandi (IRE)** (Joe Talamo, Brendan Walsh, 15-1); **Another Mystery** (Jareth Loveberry, Chris Block, 6-1); **Camp Hope** (James Graham, Kenny McPeck, 6-1); Shamrocket (Rispoli, Pletcher, 4-1); **Cullum Road** (Declan Cannon, Doug Danner, 30-1); **Highest Honors** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Chad Brown, 8-1); **Cellist** (Julien Leparoux, Rusty Arnold, 10-1); and **Reigning Spirit** (Colby Hernandez, Al Stall Jr., 15-1). Also eligible: **Celerity** (Vincent Cheminaud, Waylon Cundiff, 50-1).

CHURCHILL DOWNS RACING TO AIR ON FOX SPORTS 2 – Churchill Downs racing will air on Fox Sports 2 this week as part of "America's Day at the Races" produced by the New York Racing Association. Here is the TV schedule for the next four racing days:

Friday: 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 12 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday: 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

CHURCHILL DOWNS LIVE AVAILABLE ON SMART TVs – The **Churchill Downs LIVE** app is available free of charge on streaming services such as Amazon, Apple TV and Roku. Fans can download the Churchill Downs LIVE app for full access to a free HD live stream of the Churchill Downs simulcast signal and three additional angles including the saddling paddock.

Fans will get expert analysis each race day from host **Joe Kristufek** along with several expert analysts such as **Kaitlin Free**, **James Scully**, **Scott Shapiro** and **Brandon Stauble**.

Wagering is available on www.TwinSpire.com, the official ADW of Churchill Downs Inc. and the Kentucky Derby.

DOWN THE STRETCH – The Derby City 6, that spanned races 4-9 Friday, had a carryover of \$22,240 and the Super Hi 5 in Race 9 had a carryover of \$5,715. ... Kentucky Derby winner **Rich Strike** galloped about 1 5/8 miles Friday with regular rider **Gabe Lagunes** in the saddle. Lagunes is scheduled to work Rich Strike on Saturday at 7:30 a.m. ... Jockey **Umberto Rispoli**, who relocated to Kentucky at the start of the Keeneland Spring Meet in April, will head back to California on Sunday. Through racing on Thursday he was 0-17 at Churchill Downs. ... “**Inside Churchill Downs**” will return Friday at 6 p.m. on ESPN 680/105.7. The one-hour show hosted by Churchill Downs’ **Darren Rogers** and **Kevin Kerstein**, along with expert handicapper **Scott Shapiro**, will preview Saturday’s Preakness Stakes. Those outside the Louisville market can listen to a live stream on www.espnloouisville.com. ... For more information about the Spring Meet, visit www.churchilldowns.com.

ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK

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